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1. SUMMARY: AMIN'S CALL FOR CONDEMNATION OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS AND FOR EQUAL STANDING ALL THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT FORTH-COMING OAU SUMMIT APPROVED BY FNLA AND IN ZAIRIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT. FNLA CALLS FOR DISMISSAL OF SOMALIA AND BURUNDI FROM AFRICAN COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY SINCE THEIR IMPARTIALITY VITIATED BY RECOGNITION OF MPLA. ZAIRIAN PRESS PLAYS UP ALLEGED 225 M FRENCH FRANC BRIBE BY SOVIETS TO SECURE AFRICAN LEADERS RECOGNITION OF MPLA. CONTRAST DRAWN BETWEEN THIS BEHAVIOR AND PUTATIVE SOVIET SOFTENING SEEN IN PRAVDA ARTICLE JANUARY 4. END

2. FOLLOWING ITEMS ON ANGOLA APPEARED IN ZAIRIAN PRESS JANUARY
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7, 1976.

3. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWSAGENCY (AZAP) REPORT DATED BANZA KONGO (EX SAN SALVADOR, ANGOLA) CITED FNAL COMMUNIQUE OF JANUARY 6 REQUESTING OAU PRESIDENT AMIN TO EXCLUDE SOMALIA AND BURUNDI FROM AFRICAN COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY SINCE, BY REASON OF THEIR RECOGNITION OF MPLA, THEY COULD NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED IMPARTIAL. COMMUNIQUE ALSO APPROVED AMIN'S STATEMENT TO NIGERIAN FONMIN GARBA TO EFFECT THAT ALL FOREIGN FORCES, OF WHATEVER ORIGIN, IN ANGOLA ARE "MURDERERS"

THAT PORTUGAL HAD NOT HANDED OVER INDEPENDENCE TO ANY ONE OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, THAT IT IS FOR THE ANGOLANS THEMSELVES TO CHOOSE, FINALLY THAT HE HOPED 3 MOVEMENTS WOULD HAVE EQUAL STANDING AT COMING OAU SUMMIT. FNLA COMMUNIQUE SECONDED DEMAND FOR EQUAL STANDING FOR ALL THREE MOVEMENTS AND REPEATED CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL ALL FOREIGN TROOPS.

4. AZAP EDITORIAL JAN 7 ENTITLED "CHANGE OR PERFIDY" CITED CONCILIATORY SOVIET STATEMENT IN JANUARY 4 ISSUE OF PRAVDA, WHICH LIKELY TO BE SEIZED UPON BY AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE AS FORTHCOMING OAU SUMMIT. NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT USSR PRINCIPALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR AGGRAVATION OF SITUATION IN ANGOLA. CAUTIONED AGAINST DECEPTION. AGREED WITH AMIN THAT ALL FOREIGN TROOPS IN ANGOLA ARE MURDERERS. NOTED UGANDAN PRESIDENT'S HOPE FOR EQUAL STANDING ALL THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT AOU SUMMIT. OPINED THAT OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS MUST ADOPT SIMILAR POSITIONS IF BIG POWER CONFRONTATION IS TO BE AVOIDED IN ANGOLA.

5. EDITORIALS IN JANUARY 7 ISSUES OF KINSHASA DAILIES SALONGO AND ELIMA NOTE THAT FORTHCOMING OAU SUMMIT WILL BE MOMENT OF TRUTH NOT ONLY FOR ANGOLA BUT FOR AFRICAN UNITY AS WELL. MADE CAPITAL OF ALLEGED 225 M FRENCH FRANC BRIBE PAID AFRICAN LEADER(S) TO SECURE RECOGNITION OF MPLA. FOUND THIS HARD TO RECONCILE WITH JANUARY 4 PRAVDA PROFESSION OF SOVIET NEUTRALITY IN ANGOLA. NOTED CHANGE IN SOVIET RATIONALE FOR ITS MEDDLING IN ANGOLA -- FIRST AS COUNTER TO CHINESE, LATER AS RESPONSE TO SOUTH AFRICAN AGGRESSION. BUT, SAID ELIMA, SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE WAS KNOWN AND ACCEPTED EVEN BY PORTUGUESE LEFTISTS. REPEATED CHARGE THAT SOVIET ACTION TINGED BY RACISM. NOTED ALSO THAT 80 PERCENT OF CUBAN TROOPS SENT TO ANGOLA WERE "EXPENDABLE" BLACKS. CREDITED U.S. WITH WORKING FOR DIALOGUE AMONG THREE MOVEMENTS. NOTED STRONG POSITION OF SOVIETS ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUND, BUT REFERRED TO POSSIBLE IMPACT OF ANGOLA ON US-SOVIET DETENTE AND TO FACT THAT U.S. STILL HOLDS THE WHEAT WEAPON. MENTIONED SOVIET MISSILE BASES IN EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA, WHICH CONSTITUTE THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA. ANSWERING "COLLEAGUES" ON ALGERIA'S EL MOWDJAHD, ELIMA EDITORIALIST INSISTED THAT MODERNIZATION OF ZAIRIAN FORCES NOT RELATED TO ANGOLA, THAT ZAIRIAN MIRAGES ORDERED BEFORE ANGOLAN PROBLEM DEVELOPED. SAID ZAIRE HAS NO LESSONS OF

CONSCIENCE TO LEARN FROM ALGERIA, THAT FLAGRANT IMPERIALISM
SUGGESTED BY ALGERIA'S TONE UNACCEPTABLE IN FREE AFRICA, ABOVE
ALL IN ZAIRE. WARNED ALGERIAN COLLEAGUES AGAINST FURTHER SUCH
INSINUATIONS. A SIMILAR EDITORIAL ATTACKING EL MOUDJAHID ARTICLE
ASLO APPEARED IN SALONGO.

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